

**PARISH OF ST. MARY,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of St. Mary is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	35,848	2,683,516
1960	48,833	3,257,022
1970	60,752	3,644,637
1980	64,253	4,205,900
1990	58,086	4,219,973
1991	58,644	4,251,560
1992	59,093	4,287,195
1993	58,922	4,295,477
1994	58,218	4,315,085
1995	57,948	4,339,352
1996	57,735	4,350,579
1997	57,363	4,351,769
1998	57,322	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of St. Mary are as follows:

YEAR	BALDWIN	BERWICK	FRANKLIN	MORGAN CITY	PATTERSON
1960	1,548	3,880	8,673	13,540	2,923
1970	2,117	4,168	9,325	16,586	4,409
1980	2,644	4,466	9,584	16,114	4,693
1990	2,379	4,375	9,004	14,531	4,736
1991	2,447	4,410	9,093	14,717	4,736
1992	2,447	4,420	8,982	14,918	5,211
1993	2,447	4,439	9,122	15,033	5,211
1994	2,447	4,460	9,246	14,959	5,211
1995	2,447	4,495	9,257	14,985	5,583
1996	2,447	4,498	9,271	15,008	5,633
1997	2,447	4,560	9,292	15,075	5,805
1998	2,447	4,599	9,304	15,166	5,781

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$12,018	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$12,579	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$11,995	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$13,996	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$15,113	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$15,671	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$16,630	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$18,027	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in St. Mary Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$263,854	\$91,730	\$19,995	\$42,682	\$6,445	\$36,868
1992	\$273,546	\$83,019	\$22,152	\$52,081	\$8,640	\$35,173
1993	\$275,530	\$78,825	\$22,796	\$55,364	\$8,856	\$37,563
1994	\$350,966	\$106,697	\$30,234	\$56,781	\$13,057	\$52,254
1995	\$353,378	\$109,713	\$31,586	\$53,550	\$13,827	\$58,847
1996	\$342,748	\$100,152	\$29,920	\$64,844	\$13,114	\$51,510
1997	\$355,018	\$93,525	\$30,280	\$71,184	\$9,987	\$57,811

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of St. Mary as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
ST. MARY PARISH	4		4	4	8
MORGAN CITY	3.5	0.3	4	4	8
WARDS 1-10	3.5	0.3	4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$37,751	\$37,612	\$50,047	\$57,045	\$57,319
February	\$38,714	\$40,675	\$43,465	\$51,482	\$59,705
March	\$47,919	\$44,275	\$58,341	\$61,235	\$73,443
April	\$41,224	\$42,135	\$49,946	\$57,757	\$63,180
May	\$44,873	\$44,666	\$52,880	\$61,073	\$60,466
June	\$44,743	\$48,892	\$63,521	\$67,948	\$74,410
July	\$40,104	\$44,257	\$49,346	\$59,052	\$58,334
August	\$43,378	\$48,744	\$56,084	\$72,381	\$61,136
September	\$44,259	\$50,319	\$59,440	\$68,561	\$55,917
October	\$43,353	\$21,677	\$42,106	\$72,330	\$51,588
November	\$39,224	\$45,651	\$52,925	\$60,199	\$46,876
December	\$51,258	\$60,603	\$70,605	\$75,688	\$61,736
Annual Total	\$516,801	\$529,505	\$648,706	\$764,751	\$724,110

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of St. Mary is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$184,144,235	\$34,242,719	\$218,386,954
1991	\$192,669,555	\$34,719,613	\$227,389,168
1992	\$182,382,045	\$36,878,058	\$219,260,103
1993	\$189,241,155	\$37,435,569	\$226,676,724
1994	\$194,921,791	\$40,268,218	\$235,190,009
1995	\$191,521,325	\$40,743,977	\$232,265,302
1996	\$211,231,465	\$42,213,224	\$253,444,689
1997	\$216,594,650	\$43,222,219	\$259,816,869
1998	\$237,237,665	\$44,636,453	\$281,874,118

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$81,989,536	\$91,980,458	\$44,416,960
1991	\$82,956,438	\$100,555,380	\$43,877,350
1992	\$85,807,131	\$93,347,852	\$40,105,120
1993	\$86,718,068	\$100,077,766	\$39,880,890
1994	\$88,522,332	\$106,866,017	\$39,801,660
1995	\$89,991,298	\$102,875,474	\$39,398,530
1996	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1997	\$98,081,924	\$122,568,145	\$39,166,800
1998	\$103,274,671	\$136,073,727	\$42,525,720

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of St. Mary follows:

Year	Millage
1990	32.52
1991	32.52
1992	34.54
1993	35.03
1994	35.03
1995	34.32
1996	33.22
1997	33.22
1998	30.87

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of St. Mary in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. CENTRAL LOUISIANA EL	\$12,944,890
2. TEPI	\$6,061,607
3. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$5,696,330
4. A N R PIPELINE COMPANY	\$5,268,800
5. CABOT CORPORATION	\$4,999,080
6. TRUNKLINE GAS COMPANY	\$4,443,750
7. COOPER CAMERON CORP.	\$3,586,873
8. SHELL OFFSHORE INC.	\$3,248,537
9. TECHE FEDERAL SAVING	\$3,171,330
10. PETROLEUM HELICOPTER	\$3,156,487

Source: St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the St. Mary Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	11,132	10,877	10,738	10,690
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	11,851	11,610	11,470	11,434
PUBLIC	11,759	11,744	11,677	11,563

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the St. Mary Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$26,140	\$26,888	\$27,454	\$31,274
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,254	\$4,448	\$5,248	\$5,440
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$2,245,443	\$2,058,951	\$2,379,061	\$8,945,202
DEBT SERVICE	\$2,508,117	\$1,684,406	\$1,690,705	\$1,462,602
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$50,415,827	\$51,633,744	\$56,191,450	\$61,716,644

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.